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WASHINGTON, October 7, 1982 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended October 2 totaled an estimated 15.7 billion ton-miles, 19.5 percent below the corresponding week a year ago, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Cumulative volume for the first 40 weeks of 1982 was an estimated 617.4 billion ton-miles, 12.6 percent below the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended October 2 totaled 373,148 cars, 17.4 percent below 1981, but 33.3 percent higher than the preceding week of this year which was affected by the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers' strike. Compared with last year, loadings were down 20.5 percent in the East, 13.2 percent in the South, and 17.6 percent in the West.

Compared with the corresponding week of 1981, 19 of the 21 commodity groups were down. Twenty of the 21 groups increased from the preceding week of this year.

Piggyback

The AAR also reported that piggyback freight traffic on major railroads for the week ended September 25 totaled 34,448 cars, down 7.7 percent from the corresponding week of 1981, and 57,998 trailers and/or containers, 14.8 percent lower than last year.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 39 weeks of the year was 1,413,096 cars, 9.2 percent higher than last year, and 2,477,505 trailers and/or containers, up 6.3 percent.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 10/2/82:

	<u>Loadings in</u> <u>Week ended</u> <u>October 2, 1982</u>		<u>Change from</u> <u>Corresponding</u> <u>Week 1981</u>			<u>Change from</u> <u>Preceding</u> <u>Week</u>	
	Cars		Cars	Percent		Cars	Percent
Grain	23,872	D	935	3.8	I	8,821	58.6
Other farm products	2,805	D	2,102	42.8	I	572	25.6
Metallic ores	11,482	D	20,755	64.4	D	183	1.6
Coal	119,532	D	18,345	13.3	I	36,348	43.7
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	9,945	D	2,620	20.9	I	2,947	42.1
Nonmetallic minerals	9,946	D	3,274	24.8	I	2,143	27.5
Grain mill products	12,368	D	2,235	15.3	I	2,277	22.6
Food and kindred products	14,162	D	913	6.1	I	3,624	34.4
Primary forest products	14,962	D	3,547	19.2	I	4,063	37.3
Lumber and wood products except furniture	6,926	D	190	2.7	I	2,199	46.5
Pulp, paper and allied products	16,194	D	3,710	18.6	I	2,543	18.6
Chemicals and allied products	22,587	D	3,020	11.8	I	4,499	24.9
Petroleum products	4,855	I	62	1.3	I	1,444	42.3
Stone, clay and glass products	11,475	D	1,924	14.4	I	2,557	28.7
Coke	4,437	D	1,904	30.0	I	480	12.1
Metals and products	8,042	D	8,528	51.5	I	1,778	28.4
Motor vehicles and equipment	12,581	D	2,124	14.4	I	948	8.1
Waste and scrap materials	8,008	D	3,609	31.1	I	2,226	38.5
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	8,318	D	2,119	20.3	I	1,595	23.7
All other carloads	50,451	I	3,475	7.4	I	12,365	32.5
LCL traffic	200	D	51	20.3	I	17	9.3
Total Cars Loaded	373,148	D	78,368	17.4	I	93,263	33.3

Corresponding week of 1981

451,516

	<u>1982</u>	<u>1981</u>	<u>% Change</u>
Total Cars Loaded (40 weeks)	14,489,068	16,804,568	D 13.8
Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions):			
39 Weeks cumulative	601.7	686.6	D 12.4
Week ended October 2	15.7	19.5	D 19.5
40 Weeks cumulative	617.4	706.1	D 12.6